

Thames Estuary Trail

Route three

Pitsea

Wat Tyler Country Park

Stanford-le-Hope

Thameside Nature Park

Tilbury

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2021

22 May – 13 June

Estuary 2021 is the second edition of the large-scale arts festival that celebrates the lives, landscapes and histories of the spectacular Thames Estuary.

Taking place online, and in the landscape along 107 miles of Thames Estuary Trail, contemporary artworks, discussion and events explore and respond to powerful themes resonant to the estuary.

Alongside a map that shows the full trail, we have created six, smaller sections of the route with accompanying details of the artworks and events to be found as you explore.

Route 5 of 6 can be enjoyed across a long weekend - or as three days out.

All details correct at the time of print. Some events may change to comply with Covid-19 safety protocols. Please check estuaryfestival.com

Events

Family Activities

A packed programme of workshops and tours led by Wat Tyler Education and *Estuary 2021* artists. See website or pick up a flyer from our *Estuary 2021* hub.

Explosive Tales

Sat 22 & 29 May/Wed 2, Thurs 3 & Sat 12 June 15:00-16:00/16:00-17:00.

Green Centre, Wat Tyler Country Park. Explore estuary heritage on a 2-hour walking tour with Basildon Heritage.

REBEL

Sat 22 May 11:00 & 15:00
Ackroyd & Harvey's installation (No. 29) springs to life with performance, promenade and workshop.

Arts in Transit

Sat 12 & Sun 13 May
11:00 - 17:00
Lata Upadhyaya brings her travelling art and conversation space to Wat Tyler Country Park. Suitable for all ages.

Merge

Sat 12 & Sun 13 June
11:00 - 17:00
REHM a group of five students from East 15 present an interactive collection of works that represent narratives of the estuary. Suitable for all ages.

Full details for booking on website.

Estuary 2021 Hub

Open Wed-Sun
11:00 - 17:00

Call by for more information, booking details, kit hire and any help or assistance - located at the Dutch Barn, Wat Tyler Country Park.

Tom King walk - In My Steps

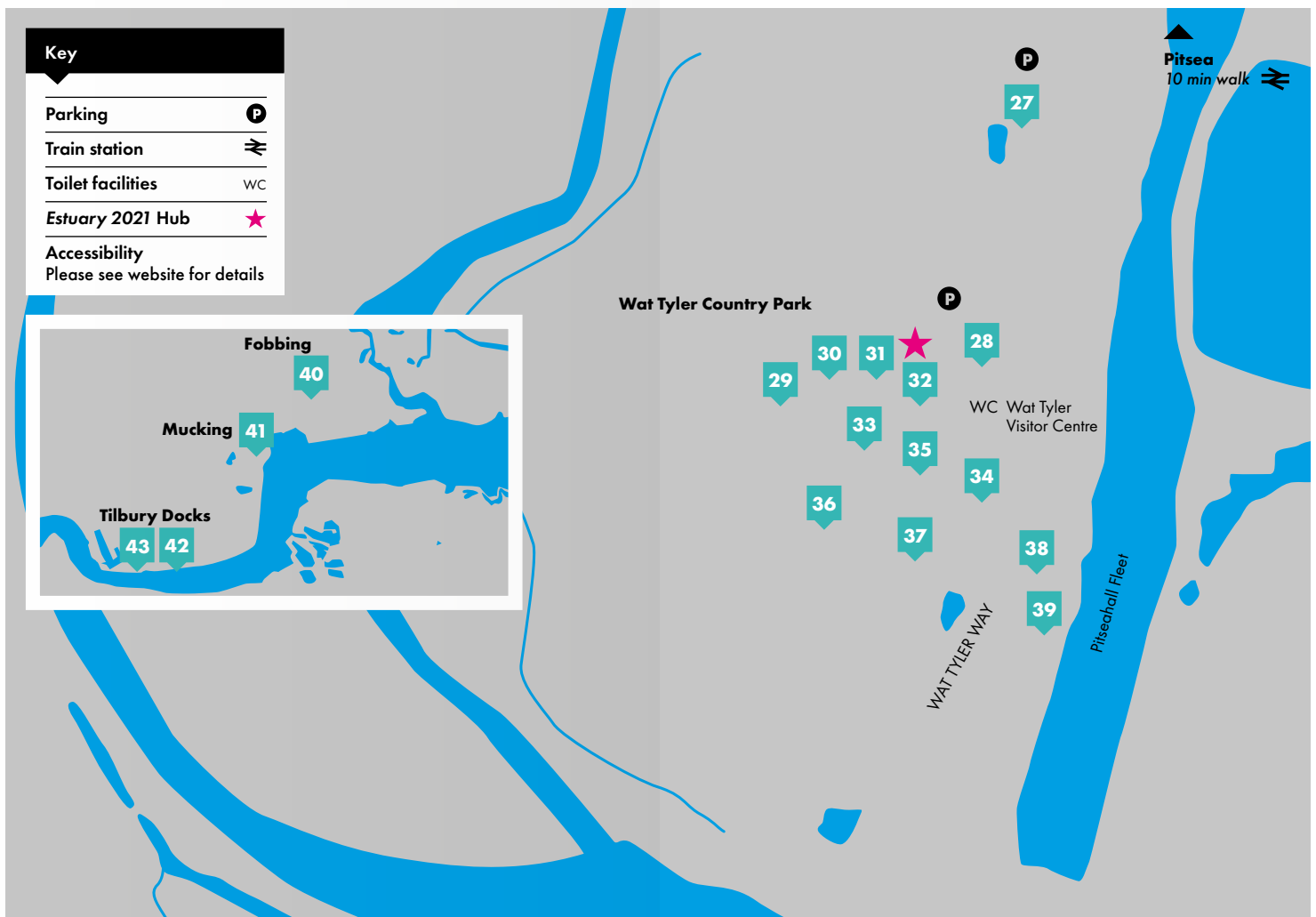
6 June - Radical Walks - from Wat Tyler Country Park - to Fobbing Marshes - in partnership with Essex Book Festival.

Publications

Festival publications include: *The Water Replies: notes on teaching contemporary poetry* (Caroline Bird / Selina Nwulu); *Thames Estuary Trail: a walk round the end of the world* by Tom King; accompanying illustrated map by Adam Dant; and new writing on the nearby enigmatic *Sutton Manor: Just Beyond Reach* - by four contemporary writers and a historian. Get your copy at Cafe Valise.



Image credit: Detail of Adam Dant's illustrated map.



Wat Tyler Country Park

PLOT: Water Laid 27

Shaun C Badham
The history of plotlands and water wells within the surrounding area explored through research, painting, sculpture and events. Mobile sculptural wishing well on wheels will host group conversations in different locations around the park.

Out to Dry 28

Andy Freeman & Samantha Penn
Installation revealing the hidden life cycle of our clothes, and how micro plastics make their way into waterways via washing machines.

REBEL 29

Ackroyd & Harvey
The spirit of rebellion brought to the place that seeded the Peasants' Revolt 640 years ago, and in recognition of the worldwide movements declaring climate emergency. A hand-pulled cart is adorned with the artists' iconic grass photographs each depicting a portrait of a rebel. Each weekend, three performers pull the cart to stopping points along the trail, pitch camp and make their case for rebellion. For dates and times see website.



Image credit: courtesy of the artists

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Angela Chan
A new film to accompany the heritage trail at the former Pitsea Explosives Factory explores the histories of Britain's explosives manufacturing and their legacies in contemporary extractivism and conflict. Artist-led events and family activities detailed in full on the website.

Resistance Sustenance 31

Rachael House
Exhibition, publication and workshop. Drawing throughout the pandemic, the artist reflects on the political and the personal. Subjects include queer issues, mental health, daily walks and occasional pleas to the genderqueer deities. Online book launch Fri 28 May 19:00-21:00 and workshop on Sun 13 June 15:00-17:00. Free - advance booking essential.

The Commons Way 32

Lora Aziz and Wyrd Flora
Exhibition, foraging walks & workshops relaying contemporary concepts around ecology, women, plants and land in response to The People of 1381 and rebel routes. Walks and events take place on Sat 29 May at Lesnes Abbey Woods; Wed 2 June at Thameside Nature Park; Sat 12 and Sun 13 June at Wat Tyler Country Park. Free - advance booking essential.

The People of 1381 35

outdoor exhibition
Lora Aziz & Samuel Restorick
with The People of 1381 project
The estuary was at the epicentre of one of the largest rebellions of the middle ages. Find out about the people involved in the protests and the lives they led.

Unbox 36

Harun Morrison
Sound and video colliding the poetics of historic emergency architecture with contemporary predictive sea-level models of the estuary.

Wasted Voyages 37

YoHa
The artist duo work with former waste workers to explore the materiality, culture and history of waste and its integral history linked to the estuary region.

Rock Repo 38

The Underground Division
A new audiovisual installation that explores the capability of estuary environments to capture and store carbon.

Our Land 39

Sonia Hughes, Jo Fong, Lisa Mattocks and Andrew Wrestle
Walking, listening and gardening to explore ideas of belonging, ownership and a collective action. Artist-led sessions on Sat 22, Sun 23 May and 29, 30 and 31 May.

Thurrock / Tilbury

Mirrors for Princes 40 42

Ruth Ewan
A series of traditional pub style mirrors featuring text channelling the ancient call for social equality and justice and accompanied by an edition of slogan beer mats. Hosted by pubs along the Essex coastline. On this part of the trail you can find them at The White Lion, Stanford-le-Hope SS17 9JR; and The World's End, Tilbury RM18 7NR.

Watermark 41 43

Maria Amidu
A series of eight artworks to mark the 107 mile walk described in Tom King's Thames Estuary Trail. They chronicle the artist's enjoyment in discovering both the book and the places along the trail. Located at great places to either eat, rest or visit. These two are at Enover Community Trust Visitor Centre, Thameside Nature Park SS17 ORN and Tilbury Ferry Terminal, RM18 7NJ.



Please visit our website for details of our Online Programme - and the wide range of estuary themed programme listed in the Associated Programme.



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